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See attached.

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This action is supplemental to that mailed 29 August 2006. Subsequent to the telephone interview with applicant's representative, this action is intended to further illuminate the reasons for holding the reply filed 18 May 2006 non-responsive.

The reply filed on 18 May 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): There is no antecedent basis in the application as originally filed for "acrylates" in the plural form. The original specification sets forth lists of resins that may be used as the binder (see, for example, page 4, paragraph "a)", which includes a species "acrylate" as well as other acrylate derivatives such as methacrylate and polyisopropyl acrylate. The original specification includes neither a single distinct material named "acrylates" nor, identifies members of a class named "acrylates". Further, the requirement for election of species requires that the election designate "a single distinct material or compound". A plural term, acrylates, would appear to fall outside that requirement on its face. Further, there is no antecedent basis for "disodium-5-amino-4-hydroxy-3(phenylazo)napthalene-2,7-disulfonate". A proper election of species must select from those disclosed in the original application. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the abovementioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M. Brunsman whose telephone number is 571-272-1365. The examiner can normally be reached on M, Th, F, Sa; 7:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on 571-272-1362. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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